

# Haring Graffiti Kids - Self Portraits



Topic: Graffiti Kids - Self Portraits-  
Second Grade

MCCR Arts Learning Standards:

VA Cr1.2.1, VA Cr2.2.2, VA Pr4.1.2,  
VA Cn10.1.2

## Meet the Artist:

1958-1990

**Keith Haring** was born in 1958, in Pennsylvania, USA. He loved drawing cartoons and visiting museums. Keith Haring is known for

colorful, cartoon artworks and certain characters such as crawling babies, barking dogs and spaceships. When he was 20 years old he moved to New York City. Keith Haring was inspired by graffiti artists. He drew hundreds of drawings on New York's subway. Keith Haring started becoming famous and had exhibitions in galleries. When the paintings were sold, he often gave the money to children's charities. Haring, painted art with and for kids. He made murals in lots of children's hospitals and schools. He even painted a massive artwork of the Statue of Liberty with over 1000 kids! He often listened to hip-hop music. Break-dancers used his pavement drawings as a surface for their performances

## The Process:

During this lesson the teacher introduced Keith Haring and his showed examples of his artwork. The students learned about his life and his "Pop Art." They discussed graffiti art/ subway art. Students learned how art connects with emotions and how they can represent themselves through their artwork. Students demonstrated movements represented by Haring's graffiti kid art. They learned how to create a simple graffiti kid by drawing a stick figure first. The students drew one or more graffiti kids to represent themselves and any family or friends they want to include in their artwork. After they drew the kids, they painted the kids using bright colors like Pop Art. After the kids dry they traced them with an oil pastel and added details with oil pastels and paint.

vocabulary:

Shape

Movement

Graffiti

Self- Portrait



